

**The Annual Meeting of the registered voters of the Manville Fire District will be held on September 24, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Manville Fire District, 112 Old Main St. Manville, RI 02838 for the purpose of electing officers, ordering taxes and providing for assessing and collecting the same, enacting by-laws as prescribed in section 10 and transacting such business or adopting such measures, consistent with the charter, which the qualified electors at said meeting shall deem beneficial to the fire district.**

**In attendance at this meeting are Wardens Lake, Menard, Auclair, Mckeon, Moderator St Germain, Tax Collector/Treasurer Ron McKenna, and Chief Peter Adam.**

**There are 53 Voters and 4 non Voters in attendance.**

**1. Moderator opens the meeting**

**-Moderator Jerry St Germain opens the meeting at 7:35 pm**

**2. Moderator reads meeting notice**

**Chairman Auclair asks to take agenda out of order for the purposes of appointing a new district clerk. Warden Menard agrees.**

**-Motion made by Warden Bob Lake to nominate Lee Lamothe.  
Second by Warden Rene Menard. Approved Unanimously**

**3. Motion to approve minutes of the meeting on 9/10/2013**

**-Warden Auclair asks for Motion to wave the reading of the minutes of last year's meeting. Motion by Ray Forget and second by James Akers. Approved Unanimously**

#### **4. District Officers Report**

##### **a. Board of Wardens, Chairman Dennis Auclair**

**Question by Ed Aubin to Chairman Auclair – Mr Aubin wants to know how the voter list for tonight's meeting was attained. Chairman Aubin explains that he received the list from the town. Warden Rene Menard asks the audience if any voter feels disenfranchised by the voter list confusion. No hands were raised.**

**Chairman Aubin reads report. Ed Aubin offers congratulations**

##### **b. Treasurer, Ronald McKenna**

**Treasure McKenna reads his report**

**Ed Aubin asks why line 5115 (Water & Sewer) is so low. Chief Adam answers.**

**Warden Menard states that a line in the treasurer's report is incorrect. This line states that the wardens occasionally approve duplicate bill payments. Warden Menard states this is untrue and that he spoke out against this in the past .**

##### **c. Tax Collector, Ron McKenna**

**Tax Collector McKenna reads his report.**

**Donald Duval asks why there are personal opinions stated in the Tax Collectors Report**

**d. Fire Chief, Chief Peter Adam**

**Chief Adam reads his report.**

**There is extensive conversation with regards to the 3.7 points that were lost on the ISO partially because Manville does not have a ladder truck. This could raise tax rate. Amy Duval makes a comment that there is no insurance rate change from 4 to 5. Ed Aubin says we have now heard both sides. Steve Kerns comments that we only have a 4% decrease. Robert Jenson mentions the need for a ladder truck.**

**5. New Business**

**Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 2015**

**Chairman Auclair goes over line items of the budget**

**Steve Kerns asks about line item 5155 Water and Sewer. Do we have outstanding bills? Warden Menard answers.**

**Ed Aubin asks about line 5122 – Question retracted**

**Ray Forget asks about 5145 Radio Repair**

**William Lima asks about an abatement meter with regards to 5155 Water and Sewer**

**Ed Aubin asks about 5152 EMS Equipment – Chief explains**

**Moderator St Germain asks about 5170 Uniforms – Chief explains this is shirts and pants while at the station**

**Ed Aubin asks about 5192 Clerk Expenses – Warden Auclair says this is for purchase of a new laptop and printer for the clerk**

**Ron McKenna questions 5230 CPA – Warden Lake answers**

**Amy Duval questions 5220 Legal Fees – Is this amount caused by lawsuits – Warden Auclair answers**

**Rene Menard question 5260 Bank Fees- Answered by Treasurer McKenna. Warden Menard says we should have no Bank Fees.**

**Moderator St Germain questions 6701 Truck Loan Payment- Why was this taken out of the budget.**

**Chairman Auclair answers that since we did not purchase truck we should not have a line item for payments.**

**Ed Aubin asks how much will go into Capital Funds this year and Chairman Auclair states that we wont know that until the end of the year. Paul Armstrong notes the Capital account is not strictly restricted to a truck. Warden Lake says we need to make an informed decision on the new truck.**

**Robert Jensen suggests that we continue to fund this loan payment account. Chairman Auclair explains that we are going to fund it in a different way but we cant use a truck payment line item. Janet Lake asks about a warrantee for the new truck. Chairman Auclair explains the we need to go to public bid with new specifications. Warden Menard discusses double taxing. Robert Jenson asks for motion to be put on floor to re- fund that truck payment line. Chairman Auclair explains that we no longer owe those dollars and a line item would be inappropriate.**

**Nancy Cain makes a motion to accept the budget for \$330078.00.**

**George Resnivek seconded.**

**28 affirmative out of 53 voters – Budget passes**

**Affirmative votes counted by moderator**

**a. Resolutions 2014-2015**

**Resolution: R-1-14**

**Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District Electors assembled here on September 24, 2014 do hereby at the interest rate at 1 ½ % per month equal to 18% per annum on delinquent on unpaid taxes. In addition there will be a collection fee of \$25.00 added to all unpaid real estate taxes, beginning January 1, 2015.**

**Motion to strike the word Tangible.**

**Moved by Ron McKenna and seconded by Steve Kerns. Approved Unanimously with change.**

**Resolution R-2-14**

**Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District Electors assembled here on September 24, 2014 do hereby affix the tax on real estate and tangible property for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 at the rate of \$1.67 per thousand dollars and a minimum of \$30.00 per taxpayer on property values as assessed by the town of Lincoln.**

**Motion moved by Ron McKenna and seconded by Steve Kerns.  
Approved Unanimously with date change to 10-1-14.**

#### **Resolution R-3-14**

**Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District Electors assembled here on September 24,2014 do hereby affix the tax on motor vehicles for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 at the rate of \$1.70 per thousand dollars and a minimum of \$30.00 per taxpayer on vehicles assessed by the Town of Lincoln in conformance with Rhode Island General Laws.**

**Motion by Ron McKenna and seconded by Steve Kerns. Approved Unanimously with date change to 10-1-14**

#### **Resolution R-4-14**

**Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District Electors assembled here on September 24, 2014 do hereby approve the maintenance of unassigned fund balance in the District's General Fund equal to 15% of the General Funds budget for the subsequent fiscal year. Furthermore we hereby approve that any available fund balances in excess of the 15% limit noted above will be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund and will be committed for future capital**

**outlays/acquisitions. The final amount of available fund balance will be determined upon completion of the annual compilation of the District's financial**

**Statements by a certified licensed CPA.**

**Motion made by Dennis Forget and seconded by Ed Aubin. Approved Unanimously.**

**Resolution R-5-14**

**Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District Electors assembled here on September 24, 2014 do hereby authorize the establishment of a contingency account for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$10,000.00 for legal expenses. This contingency account will be maintained as Committed fund Balance in the District's General Fund.**

**Discussion – Ed Aubin asks about \$10000.00**

**Moved by Chairman Auclair and Seconded by Ed Aubin, Approved Unanimously**

**Resolution R-6-14**

**Be it resolved that we the Manville Fire District Electors assembled here on September 24, 2014 do hereby authorize the Board of Fire Wardens to retain Services to Conduct an ADA Study Not To Exceed \$1,500**

**Motion by Warden Menard, Seconded by Ed Aubin. Approved Unanimously**

**\*\*Warden Lake asks to take a non binding straw vote to gage voter interest in the purchase of a new ladder truck-**

**Ron McKenna moves and Paul McKeon seconds.**

**Warden Menard asks if this vote should be taken.**

**2/3 of the voters express interest in a new truck**

## **6. Election of District Officers.**

**Chairman of Board of Wardens Assumes Chair.**

### **a. Election of District Officers.**

**Office of Moderator-**

**Ray Forget was nominated by Ed Aubin and seconded by Warden Lake.**

**Jerry St. Germain was nominated by Warden Lake. He declines the nomination.**

**Ron McKenna moves to close the nominations and Ed Aubin seconds.**

**Congratulations to Mr. Forget**

**Office of Treasurer –**

**Warden Lake nominates Ron McKenna and Ray Forget seconds.**



**Warden Menard moves to close the nominations and Warden Lake seconds.**

**Congratulations to Mr. McKenna**

**Office of the Tax Collector-**

**Ray Forget nominates Ron McKenna and Jerry St Germain seconds.**

**Warden Menard moves to close the nominations and Amy Duval seconds.**

**Congratulations to Mr. McKenna**

**There are 3 2-year warden positions and 1 1-year warden position**

**Warden seat #1 – 2 year term**

**Chairman Auclair nominates Rene Menard an Ed Aubin seconds.**

**Debbie Forget nominates Ron McKenna and Ray Forget seconds.**

**Voter Paul Armstrong questions the objective of being a Tax Collector and Treasurer and Warden. He is told that the ethics commission has approved this.**

**The Chairman closes nominations. Paper ballots are distributed to voters.**

**The District Clerk announces the results: Ron McKenna 26 votes and Rene Menard 22 votes. Congratulations Mr. McKenna.**

**Warden seat #2 – 2 year term**

**Ron McKenna nominates Bob Lake and Paul McKeon seconds.**

**Don Duval nominates Rene Menard and Jerry St Germain seconds**

**The Chairman closes nominations. Paper ballots are distributed to voters.**

**The District Clerk announces the results: Bob Lake 27 votes and Rene Menard 20 votes**

**Congratulations Mr. Lake.**

**Warden seat #3 – 2 year term**

**Paul McKeon nominates Jerry St Germain and Ray Forget seconds**

**Nominations made for Dennis Auclair and Rene Menard were declined by those individuals**

**The moderator closes nominations.**

**Congratulations Mr. St Germain.**

**1 year replacement Warden**

**Mike Forget nominates James Akers and Debbie Forget seconds.**

**The moderator closes the nominations.**

**Congratulations Mr. Akers**

**b. Discussion and Explanation.**

**No Discussion**

**Public Comment**

**No Discussion**

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Ray Forget and seconded by Ed Aubin. Approved  
Unanimously.**